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Mary Pineda
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Dear Ms. Pineda,

Thank you for attending our public meeting in June regarding the cleanup of soils in your neighborhood and the VB/I-70 Superfund site. You mentioned that your grandchild sometimes feels ill after playing in the soil. I wanted you to know that there is a program currently underway where you can have your grandchild tested for lead or arsenic exposure. If you are interested, please contact Kristina Kaparich, project director of the "Kids at Play Health Survey", and she will be happy to provide free testing for your grandchild. Her phone number is (303) 296-0545.

You also mentioned that neither grass nor flowers will grow in your soil. Your soil was tested in 2000 and the results showed 36.6 parts per million (ppm) of arsenic and 111.4 ppm of lead. These levels are relatively low and should not interfere with your landscaping. An excellent resource for you might be the Colorado State University Extension Service. They give advice on yard and lawn issues, and they might be able to help. Their number for residents within Denver County is (720) 913-5270, or you can find them on their Web Site at www.ext.colostate.edu.

I hope this information is useful. Please feel free to call me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Chergo".

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